

# MOUNDS STATE PARK

## July 2006

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### INTERPRETIVE CENTER HOURS

Daily 9:00am – 5:00pm (EDT)

JULY 1<sup>ST</sup> thru JULY 16<sup>TH</sup>

## BRONNENBERG HOUSE OPEN DAILY

### 10am-4pm

#### SATURDAY, JULY 1

**10:00am-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE** – Tour this historical house and learn about restoration efforts.

**10:30am-WILDLIFE GARDEN PLANTS**- Come to this program to learn about all 30 plants that we have growing in our wildlife viewing garden. **VC**

**12:30pm-PARK PATCH PROGRAM**- Learn how you can earn a Park Patch and become a Smokey's Friend (5-7 yrs. old), Jr. Naturalist (8yrs. and up), and Hoosier Ecologist (top level). **VC**

**2:30pm- SUN CATCHERS**- Learn about some animals that catch sunrays to survive. Then we will make a turtle that you take home to catch rays in your window. **Behind CG Showers**

**8:30pm- NATURE'S FIREWORKS: FIREFLIES!** – Join us for this evening stroll as we look for these flashing insects. Discover how they make their own fireworks and why. **CG Store**



#### SUNDAY, JULY 2

**10:00am-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE** – Tour this historical house and learn about restoration efforts.

**10:30am-FEEDING FRENZY** – “The spider ate the fly, the lizard ate the spider, the snake ate the lizard..” Discover the wonderful web of life and get an up-close look at our critters eating breakfast. **VC**

**12:30pm- MYSTERIES OF THE MOUNDS**- Stroll into our prehistoric past on this easy hike. Learn about the when, where, who, how, and why the Mounds were built. **VCP**

**2:30pm-CAVE HIKE**- Join the naturalist as we hike along the White River and take a step back in time to when Mounds Park had caves. No helmets required. **VCP**

#### MONDAY, JULY 3

**10:00am-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE** – Tour this historical house and learn about restoration efforts.

**10:30am-SKULLS & SKINS** – Get an up-close look at animal skulls and fur. Discover ways to identify their remains that will test your nature detective skills. **VC**

**1:00pm & 3:00pm-POOL BREAK**-During your swimming break, find the naturalist for an activity. **POOL**

**2:30pm-KEEPING YOUR COOL WITH ICE CREAM!** – Discover how some animals are able to keep their cool in the heat of the day. Then we'll make some ice cream to cool off. **50¢ Activity Fee. VC**

#### TUESDAY, JULY 4 HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!



**10:00am-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE** – Tour this historical house and learn about restoration efforts.

**10:30am – ALL AMERICAN BIRD** – Bald Eagles are the symbol of this great nation. Discover this raptor's glorious life, its struggles, and its amazing comeback. **VC**

**1:00pm & 3:00pm-POOL BREAK**- During your swimming break, play a neat nature game! **POOL**

**2:30pm – TREE ID SPREE** – Join us for a short stroll around the nature center and learn to identify a few trees as well as some fun folklore. Then we'll do leaf printing on a handkerchief. **\$1 Activity Fee. VC**

### LOCATION OF PROGRAMS:

**VC** – Visitor Center    **CG**- Camp Ground    **VCP** – Meet on Visitor Center porch

**\*\* An adult must accompany all children under the age of 16 years attending programs \*\***

## **\*\*More Programs on Back\*\***

### **SATURDAY, JULY 8**

**10:00am-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE** – Tour this historical house and learn about restoration efforts.

**11:00am – ADENA GROCERY SHOPPING**- Take a hike into the grocery store of the Adena people who built the mounds at the park and discover what types of food they ate. **VCP**

**2:00pm-POTTERY WORKSHOP**- Learn about the Adena people, their style of pottery and its uses, and then build a clay vessel to take home. We'll provide all the materials during this workshop with a **\$3 activity fee**. Pre-registration is required by calling the Interpretive Center at (765) 649-8128.



**5:00pm-ROVING NATURALIST**- Look for the naturalist at the **CAMPGROUND** to see what creature of the night he is walking around with. Make sure he stops at your campsite!!!

**9:00pm-NIGHT HIKE**- Have you ever wondered what is lurking in the woods at night? Join the naturalist on a night hike to discover the mysteries of the night and learn that there is nothing to fear. Leave your flashlights at home!! **Behind CG Showers**



### **SUNDAY, JULY 9**

**10:00am-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE** – Tour this historical house and learn about restoration efforts.

**11:00am- DAMSELS AND DRAGONS**- Take a hike with the naturalist along the River to discover these dragons of the sky. **VC**

**12:30pm-PARK PATCH PROGRAM**- See July 1 for details. **VC**

**1:00-3:00pm- ICE CREAM SOCIAL AT THE BRONNENBURG HOUSE**- Fundraising has never tasted so good! Join us for some good old fashion fun at the **Bronnenberg House**. We'll serve up ice cream for all, and donations will be accepted to help in our efforts to restore this important historical landmark.



### **TUESDAY, JULY 11** *New Weekday Program!*

**11:00am- MOUNDS MINGLE** – If you are age 50 or older, you are invited to join us for this lunchtime social. You bring your favorite food and \$1, and we'll provide a meat dish and drinks for this carry-in. After lunch, the naturalist will present a program about the **“Layers of History at Mounds State Park.”** Stay after for a short tour of the Bronnenberg House if you like. Please call ahead and pre-register before this program to help us prepare. Interpretive Center 765-649-8128.

### **THURSDAY, JULY 13**

**10:00am-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE** – Tour this historical house and learn about restoration efforts.

**7:00pm-FRIENDS OF MOUNDS STATE PARK MEETING** – An open invitation for all to attend and learn about how you can be a Friend to the park. **VC**

### **SATURDAY, JULY 15**

**10:00am-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE** – Tour this historical house and learn about restoration efforts.

**11:00am-WHO GOES THERE?** – Learn how to identify tracks by counting toes and looking for claws.

Become a nature detective and make your own **TRACK ID** booklet. **VC**

**12:30pm-PARK PATCH PROGRAM**- See July 1 for details. **VC**

### **2:00pm- LEAVE NO TRACE WORKSHOP**

This program is dedicated to inspiring responsible outdoor recreation. Hands-on activities and demonstrations teach how to take it easy on Mother Earth, while enjoying the wild outdoors. ***This workshop is free to the public and will last 1-1/2 hours.*** Scout groups, wanting to earn their Leave No Trace badge, are welcome, but please call ahead. Interpretive Center 765-649-8128. **VCP**



**5:00pm-ROVING NATURALIST** – Look for the naturalist in the **PICNIC AREA** and see what exciting topic and activity we have to show you. Make sure we stop at your table!!!

**8:00pm-DUSK DISCOVERY** – Some animals are going to bed, while others are just waking up. Join us on this evening stroll as we look for our nighttime nature critters. **VCP**



### **SUNDAY, JULY 16**

**8:00am- BEGGINER'S BIRD HIKE**- Join the naturalist as to learn the basics of birding, and then take a hike along the river to see what birds are at the rivers edge. Bring binoculars if available. **VCP**

**10:00am-4:00pm-BRONNENBERG HOUSE** – Tour this historical house and learn about restoration efforts.

**11:00am- LET'S LOOK FOR THE LEAP O' DIPS** - Join us on this hike back in time as we search for remnants of the rollercoaster and amusement park here on Mounds State Park property. **VCP**

**2:00pm-FEN FLOWERS**- What is a Fen? What Lives There? Come to this program to see slides of the flowers and animals that live in the sensitive Fen or wetland. Then take a short hike to see where the fen is at in the park. **VC**

## TUESDAY, JULY 18 *New Weekday Program!*

**10:30am- TOUCH THE EARTH-** Youngsters age 2-5 and their parents or caregiver can join us for this hands-on program. Kids will experience the amazing variety of textures, smells, colors, and sounds provided by Mother Nature. This one-and-a-half hour program will include activities, stories, and snack time. VC

## SATURDAY, JULY 22 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY SMOKEY!**

**11:00am-PARTY HATS-** What birthday is complete without party hats? Make a cool Smokey Bear party hat to wear for the afternoon's events! **Behind CG Showers**

**11:30am-2:30pm-SMOKEY BEAR'S KIDDY CARNIVAL-** Come enjoy the pre-party fun with cool party games, face painting, crafts, prizes and more! There may even be an appearance by Smokey Bear himself! VC area

**\*\*This program will be on the lawn of the VC unless weather requires us to move it indoors\*\***

**3:00pm-BIRTHDAY CARDS-** Make a special card for Smokey Bear to give him at the party! VC

**3:30pm-SMOKEY ARRIVES AND THE PARTY BEGINS-** Meet the big guy himself at his birthday party, eat cookies and hear the exciting story of Smokey Bear! VC



## SUNDAY, JULY 23

**9:00am-4:00pm-SCAVENGER HUNT-** Bring the family out to explore the park and complete a scavenger hunt. Prizes will be available for good scavengers!!! VC

**12:30pm-PARK PATCH PROGRAM-** See July 1 for details. VC

**2:00pm-NUTTY CRAFTS-** Learn about some uses of nut trees then make a nutty handkerchief. VC

## TUESDAY, JULY 25 *New Weekday Program!*

**11:00am- MOUNDS MINGLE** – If you are age 50 or older, you are invited to join us for this lunchtime social. You bring \$1 and your favorite food to share, and we'll provide a meat dish and drinks for this carry-in. After lunch, the naturalist will present a **"Birds of Mounds State Park"** program. Please call ahead and pre-register before this program to help us prepare. Interpretive Center 765-649-8128.

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 26 through FRIDAY, JULY 28

**9am-12pm WED & THUR, 9am-2pm FRI - WILDERNESS SURVIVAL CAMP!** This camp has been specifically designed for children ages 11 to 13 years old. Participants will get to learn nature survival skills such as tracking, rope making, fishing and more! Programs will include hikes, crafts, snacks, and much more. The fee for this program is \$35.00 per child for the entire camp, but space is limited. Registration must be done by 4:00pm on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. To register your little wilderness survivor, or to inquire about this program, call the Naturalist Office at (765) 649-8128.



## SATURDAY, JULY 29

**11:00am- OWL PELLETS-** Discover the amazing life of these nocturnal raptors and learn about their diets by picking through a pellet. VC

**12:30pm-PARK PATCH PROGRAM-** See July 1 for details. VC

**2:30pm-MYSTERIES OF THE MOUNDS-** Stroll into our prehistoric past on this easy hike. Learn about the who, where, when, how, and why the Mounds were built. VCP

**5:00pm-ROVING NATURALIST-** Look for the naturalist strolling through the **campground** with something neat and natural. Be on the lookout to find out what it is!

**7:00pm-LIVE MUSIC** - Join us at the new amphitheater for some folk and gospel singing by Debbie Bowles. Bench seating is available, but feel free to bring blankets for lawn seating. **Amphitheater by VC**

## SUNDAY, JULY 30

**11:00am-FISH KITES-** Create your very own fish-shaped kite! **Picnic tables in front of Visitor Center**

**2:00pm-CREEK PEEK-** Join us for a wet walk to and into the creek to discover lots of cool critters in their aquatic habitats. VCP

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